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AUSTIN, November 18, 1850. }

Pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Texas, the third session of the Legislature thereof convened in extraordinary session at the Capitol in the city of Austin, on Monday the 18th day of November, A. D., 1850, at 11 o'clock, A. M., when the Chief Clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following members appeared and answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Speaker, Bogart, Bryan, Burney, Charlton, Clements, Cochran, Dickson, Fields, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Johnson, Lott, McKinney, Polk, Runnels, Selman, Shaw, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Sterne, Tarrant, Taylor, Williams and Wren.

There not being a quorum present, the Speaker ordered that the roll of Districts be called, when

Mr. Williams presented the credentials of the Hon. H. G. Hendricks, elected from the District of Fannin, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Hon. Alfred E. Pace.

Mr. Burney presented the credentials of the Hon. John Patrick, elected to fill the vacancy from the District of Brazos, Leon and Limestone, created by the resignation of Hon. E. M. Millican.

Mr. Taylor presented the credentials of Hon. Joseph Taylor, elected from the District of Harrison and Upshur, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Hon. John H. McNairy.

The newly elected members appeared took the oath of office and their seats.

There still not being a quorum present, on motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called, and a quorum being present, the Speaker announced that the House of Representatives was now ready to proceed to business.

On motion, Hon. L. T. Wigfall, member elect from Harrison, to supply the vacancy created by the resignation of Hon. J. M. Clough, presented himself with his credentials, took the oath of office and his seat.

The Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms, informing the House of his unavoidable detention from the Capital, the letter having been read,

On motion of Mr. Runnels, the Chief Clerk was authorized by the House to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms, *pro tempore*.

There being a vacancy in the office of Engrossing Clerk,

On motion of Mr. Sterne, the House proceeded to the election of that officer.

The Speaker having announced that nominations were in order,

Mr. Lott nominated Mr. McLemore.

Mr. Dickson " " J. G. Smith.

There being no other nominations, the House proceeded to ballot.

Messrs. Jowers and Clements were appointed tellers.

When upon counting the votes, it appeared that

Mr. McLemore had received 5 votes, and

" Smith " " 28 "

Mr. Smith having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared by the Speaker duly elected Engrossing Clerk of the House of Representatives for the present session.

On motion of Mr. Burney, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Burney, Sterne and Fields, was appointed to wait upon the honorable Senate, and inform that body that the House of Representatives had organized and were now ready to proceed to business.

After a short period, the committee returned, and through Mr. Burney, reported duty performed.

A message was received from the honorable Senate, through the Honorable A. H. Latimer, informing the House that the Senate had organized and were ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Lewis moved that a committee be now appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee of the honorable Senate, to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the

Legislature had organized and were ready to receive any communication he might have to make.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Lewis, Bryan and Hardeman of Nacogdoches, to compose said committee, who retired, and after a short absence returned and reported duty performed, and that His Excellency, the Governor, returned for answer, that he would send in a communication in writing to both Houses of the Legislature at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Sterne, the resolution of the extra session of the Legislature, subscribing for five copies of the newspapers printed in the City of Austin, for the use of the House, was rescinded.

Mr. Sterne offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the committee on printing be instructed to contract with one of the Printing establishments in this City, for one copy of their paper for each member of this House, as often as the same may be issued; provided, that said paper contains the journals of the House; and that the same be paid for out of the contingent fund of this House."

Mr. Clements moved to strike out "one," and insert "ten."

Mr. Tarrant moved to amend further, by inserting "provided that said papers be paid for by each member out of his private fund."

Which was accepted by Mr. Clements.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the amendment as amended, it was rejected.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the original resolution, was put and carried.

On motion of Mr. Hardeman of Nacogdoches, the House adjourned until half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

AUSTIN, Nov. 19, 1850.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees: Messrs. Bee, Crump, Franklin, Gillet, Hendricks, Holland, Lewis, Shea, Shepard, Stewart, Tarrant, Williams and Winfield.

Journal of yesterday read.

Mr. Stapp moved to amend the journal by striking out in first